593 Interments
date about 1825

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PROVIDENCE (PRIM. METH.) (done)

SANDHILL
(LOT 14, CON. 2, ALBION)

PROVIDENCE

CON 2, LOT 14, ALBION

(See also Providence Woodhill #64.)

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Extract of information from Murial Parmby (or Parmley), 128 Albany Avenue, Toronto, 26 March, 1933.

I am very glad if the information I sent you regarding the history of Sandhill Church was of any use to you.

You ask about Sandy Hill, Hewitt's Church was never called Sandy Hill. The cemetery which lies about a mile and a quarter northeast of the village was in the olden days known as Sandy Hill Cemetery. Later a church was built adjoining the burying ground, by the Primitive Methodists. This church was called Providence and the cemetery took the same name.

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PROVIDENCE CEMETERY

BLAKNEY

Thomas, d. 1825, aged 78.

"The earliest burial we have record of is 1825." (above) This information copied from writeup in front of folder; no source or date given on writeup, other than pencil notation on top: "Mac Locke for Mr. Bull".

Mac Locke for Mr. Ball

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PROVIDENCE CEMETERY.

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Lot 14, con. 2, Albion.

This is a beautifully kept cemetery of something over half an acre, and is a pleasure to visit. The stones are well placed, and well cared for, and many of them must have been expensive. It was noticeable that the greater number of these stones are made of red granite. Many flowers were in evidence, and it is an example which a great many cemeteries might follow.

Mr. Finch donated the land for the cemetery and church. The church was built in 1860 but the graveyard is one of the oldest in Albion being the first incorporated in the township.

The earliest burial we have record of is 1825.

Thomas Blakney died 1825 aged 78.

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It is remarkable for the number of people who lived to a ripe old age. 70, 78, 82, are really numerous while 90 or 92 is by no means uncommon. The pioneers themselves were long lived but in this as in so many others cemeteries is the mute testimony that the rough country and hardships were fatal to children. It is all too often that one sees memorials like the following.

BEATTY

Ann Jane daughter of Henry & Elizabeth Shore and wife of Robert Beatty who died June 2, 1880, aged 27 years.

Also the four infant children of R. and A. S. Beatty

Henry George R., died 1874, aged 14 days.

James Harold F., died 1876, aged 11 hours.

Elizabeth E. B., died 1878, aged 1 day.

R. Henry R. O., died 1880, aged 4 months 27 days.

In death's cold arms lie sleeping here
Beside her mother neath the sod
With sistier (sic.) brother babe so dear
Ann Jane at rest her soul with God.

Also in under Beatty

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One of the monuments had an inscription that does not err on the side of modesty.

"Mark the perfect man
and behold the upright;
For ~~of~~ the end of that man is peace."

Another that has an appeal for its simplicity

Anne, wife of William Hana
died 1877 age 53.
"She made home happy"

The following families have burials here:

Information from letter — ? 4902

The PROVIDENCE CEMETERY Company Limited was organized with the following officers:-

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Mr. Joseph Kelly,
Palgrave P.O.,
Ontario.

The Providence Cemetery, lot 13, in the 1st con. is probably the oldest cemetery in Albion. That is where the Beattys, and many others are buried.

It was the first cemetery in Albion to become incorporated.

Suggested Questions

When and by whom was the various townships surveyed? Wrote Surveyor General Ont. Statutory Block. Toronto

Were there any military roads. When and how constructed

Early sawmills. flour mills (mainly run by water power)

First roads opening up the district in a general way.

Early (saddle back.) ministers & various churches.

Famous trials

How early settlers found their way to the country and how they selected their lands.

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Note

Meredith Crescent,
Toronto, Ontario,
15 September, 1932.

Mrs. H. Dean,

Mono Road, R.R.2,

Ontario.

Dear Mrs. Dean:

The clipping must have gone astray. I am very sorry.

Many thanks for the information about Providence Cemetery. Please tell me the full name of ~~Mr.~~ Elliott, the third party buried there.

Mrs. John Elliot.

And the lot and con. on which he lived. Lot no 13. con 2nd Ellison

Is there any ~~descendant or~~ friend of his who would fill in a questionaire? If so, ~~please give~~ me the name and address.

I found on the ~~three~~ names & the three. first. second and third buried in Providence.

If it is not too much trouble, please, we should like to know what is on his tombstone.

1. In memory of George Bowles
who died. May 20. 1830. age 65 years.

2. In memory of Elleanor wife of John Elliot
who departed this life. Feb 15. 1833
age 54 years.

And on the stones of the two who predeceased him.

3 Erected by Thos Hendry M. D.
In memory of Michael
who died
June 6-th 1836.
age 47 years

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This is the area in the Bowles movement.
I know in whom I have believed.
My confidence and stay.
What I've committed unto him.
He keep against that day.

Miss Fulton

copied for families mentioned

Following officers were elected to the Board of Providence cemetery at the annual meeting of the plotholders: President, A. W. Fleming; secretary, E. C. Sparrow; treasurer, Robert Nelson; superintendent, James Elliott; directors: Dr. Alexander, Stewart Little, J. J. McCandless, Fred Jaffary, A. Sherman, F. F. Nelson, James Caesar. The board has a balance of $400 in the general fund, and $137 in the perpetual care fund.

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Meredith Crescent,
Toronto, Ontario,
18 August, 1932.

Mrs. H. Dean,

Mono Road, R. R. 2,

Ontario.

re: Providence Cemetery

Dear Mrs. Dean:

re PEEL HISTORY

So many thanks for your most helpful and interesting letter.

The clipping from the Globe is great, and is returned herewith.

Do you know how Providence Cemetery got its name? no.

I did not receive the clipping from the Globe that I sent you it was not enclosed in the letter you might have enclosed it if some- how did this letter by mistake.

How did Newtown-Hewitt get the name "Newtown"? "Newtown" was the name of the place where the Hewitts lived in Ireland.

When was Providence Cemetery first used?

I have found out that the cemetery was first used one hundred years ago. and the third person buried

And by whom? there was Mr Elliot who lived near the Provincial Cemetery. I think I can find out who the first one also was. and I will let you know.

Who owned the land, or who paid for it?

The land was owned by Mr Finch. He donated the land that the church was built on. and was built in 1864

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How did Sandhill get its name?

Why "Sandhill"? On account of the sandy soil around Providence Cemetery, and many hills.

a Circulars P.O.

And when? I do not know just when it got the name. no person seems to know if was so very long ago.

I have written the Postmaster General to try and find out if Newtown-Hewitt ever was a post office, and who was first postmaster and when. I don't think Newtown-Hewitt ever was a post office

Ditto the date when Sandhill post office was opened and who the first postmaster was.

Have also written W. L. Judge, Rev. Mrs. John Neil, Matthew Stuart, Alexander McKee, James Clark, William Dixon.

You do not, however, give me the exact address for the Bowles, or Lesters, or Mahars, or Joseph Dean. Please do.

W. D. Bowles Brampton
He may also be able to tell you about the Lesters, as his mother was a Lester.
The Mahars. are all away from this parts.
In connection with Joseph Dean.
we are living on the old Homestead. celebrating
& I have a copy of the Dean Reunion three years ago
the one hundred anniversary. could send a copy if you would like it.

Are there any relatives or descendants of Mr. Piper or Mr. Jewet, school teachers, still living?

Mr Jewet was principal of a school in Toronto and only died about three years ago. His family still live in the city. If I can locate them will send their address.

-3- Mrs. H. Dean.

Can you tell me on what lot number and con. number this old school was ~~they~~ taught sixty-five years ago?

lot. 23 ..... con. 22 .....

Are there any of Miss Edith Armstrong's people living to whom I might write?

Miss Edith Armstrong is still living and teaching at Orillia. school you will likely get in touch with her there.

On what lot and con. number do the following live?

William Morrison #24 lot. 24 .con... 6 ..... Chin

James Stuart - - - " ...6... " .....6..... Chin albion #101

James Fleming #26 " 26 ..... " ....6..... Chin

What was the lot and con. number where Wm. Dixon and Joe Elliot had the tannery?

lot. 24 ...con....6 ....1 albion

Was Joe not a brother of Mrs. Allen Bowsfield? Yes.

And was Allen Bowsfield not a brother of Hon. Frank Oliver? Yes.

So grateful to you for the letter you have so kindly written me.

Yours faithfully,

W. P. B.

WPB:F

Wm. Perkins Bull.

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Kel Judy

P.S. I have found out since I sent you the letter with that clipping about the Tavern sign at Sand Hill. that the name Alex McKee was a mistake Several told me that Alex McKee never owned a Hotel in Sand Hill. since then I have got the right name which was Alex Kee. so you will kindly change that name if you are using the clipping.
Now. I will always be on the look out for news. and will forward any more information that I come across.

Ina Dean.

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And on the stones of the two who predeceased him.

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What was the first name of Mr. Finch?

What lot number and con. number?

Is there any descendant or friend of his who would fill in a questionaire? Please give name and address.

I have written Mr. Bowles and Miss Armstrong.

I note that the hotel sign should have the name Alex Kee, not McKee.

I am pleased also that you will be on the look out.

I will be on the look out for your future letters. They are always helpful.

If you can find anything regarding the late Mr. Jewet, we would like it.

Please send me a copy of the Dean reunion report. I will return it.

I am enclosing you a questionaire, which I hope you will please be good enough to fill in and return.

Yours faithfully,

Wm. Perkins Bull.

enc.
WPB:F

THE CONSERVATOR

BRAMPTON, ONTARIO.

THURSDAY JAN. 16, 1930.

Annual meeting. Board of Directors. Providence Cemetery Albion Twp.

ELECT NEW DIRECTORS FOR CEMETERY BOARD.

The committee, composing Messrs. F. Jaffray, J.B. Elliott, and James Caesar, have planted shrubs and other improvements, greatly helping the appearance of the cemetery during the last year.

The financial statement showed $3,000 invested in bonds, and $420 in the bank. Officers for 1930 are: President, A.W. Fleming; secretary, Elmer Sparrow; treasurer, R.J. Nelson, Board of Directors, Dr. A.G. Alexander, Mono Road; Stewart Little, J.J. McCandless, J Whitlam, Caledon E., Fred Jaffary, W.T. Wellwood, Sr., Robert Line, Bolton; J.B. Eliott, A. Sherman, F.H. Nelson, Mono Road; Caretaker, G.D. Hutchinson, Mono Road.

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Providence Cemetery

There is a large placard on the wall at the side of the red brick building which is called "Providence Cemetery Co.". This sign reads as follows:

Rules Respecting Visitors to Providence Cemetery

No riding or driving faster than a walk. No bicycles allowed on the grounds during funeral ceremonies. Drivers are requested to look after horses and will be held responsible for any damages. No driving over burial plots allowed. No dogs admitted. No smoking. Visitors are reminded that these grounds are sacredly devoted to the dead, therefore quiet and orderly behaviour is requested. Any unruly conduct will be dealt with as the law will direct.

By order of the Board of Managers.

Description

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Providence Cemetery

There is a tombstone lying beside the cement platform in front of the door of Providence Cemetery. Co. Tsldg. It is a flat, thin slab, and reads as follows:

This information is in under Whitlam.

Harriett, wife of Thomas Whitlam,
died 8th Jan. 1897 in her 86th year.

Albion

cemeteries

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History of Providence Church

Providence Primitive Methodist Church was built in 1864 on Lot 13 2nd Lrie Albion township The people of that denomination formerly worshipping at Wm Laycocks across the road from where the church now stands and later at the home of Isaac Thompson on lot 11 of the same line.

The property on which the church was built was donated by Mr James Brooks on condition that it be open to all other denominations for funeral occasions as it was adjoining the cemetery.

[illegible] thereof owns the church for which purpose it still serves.

Petersfield

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The remaining land (after the church was built) was laid out in Graveyard plats and sold for those purposes, it being called the New Graveyard. The first minister was the Rev James Smith who resided in the village of Bolton, Providence the Bolton circuit at that time. (I have no recollection of any of the church officials other than Mr Isaac Thompson who carried a great part of the responsibility in regard to the building of the church.

In 1892 the church was closed except to funeral services, the last pastor being the Rev Dr Harper. A few years later the cemetry was made a public one and the committee there bought the church for which purpose it still serves.

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Petersen

This short history is written and sent you by Mrs Daniel Cunnington Caledon East who was formerly Ellen Jane Elliott and was born on the old Elliott farm across the road from the church and who for over twenty years was closely connected therewith.

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Providence Sand Hill

Copied from unsigned pgs. headed: In reply to request in Conservator, re Churches.

...At Sand Hill burying ground names of early members: Thompson, Elliott, Hutchinson, Dodsworth, Backus, Shields, Higginson.

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George D. Hutchi(n?)son Suprnt. Providence Church with its portion of Cemetery, was deeded to this Company by the Trustees of Macville Church, the Company paying $10.00 for the deed. The Company repaired the Church for the accomodation of Funerals and Burial Services. This Cemetery dates back about one hundred and sixty years.

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The Conservator

13th January 1938.

PROVIDENCE CEMETERY HAS ANNUAL MEETING

MONO ROAD.—A. W. Fleming was re-elected president at the annual meeting of the Providence Cemetery Company here yesterday. Elmer Sparrow is secretary and J. B. Elliott is treasurer. Directors are George D. Hutchinson, A. E. Sherman, Stewart Little, and Robert Mitchell. Auditors are E. Oldfield and R. Johnson. Finances of the company were reported as being in sound condition.